

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A NUISANCE?

There is a Nuisance Code that means if any neighbor in your neighborhood complains about smoke, it must be extinguished.



THE FIRE SHALL BE CONSTANTLY ATTENDED UNTIL COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED.



ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS:

- 1) Place fire pit in an open area on a solid surface, but never on a wooden deck, grass, or any other flammable surface.
- 2) Never place fire pit in an enclosed area or indoors.
- 3) Start your fire small and use recommended fire starters, not gasoline.
- 4) Use a wire mesh cover when fire is lit to control sparks.
- 5) It is best to extinguish the fire completely once you have finished using it.
- 6) When removing ashes from any type of fire pit, chimney or grill, always place those ashes in a metal container.
- 7) **Always remember, Dial 911 if an emergency situation exists.**



Always Remember . . .

**Burning of trash, debris, wire
or yard waste is illegal in
Norfolk, Virginia.**

*Refer to the VA State Fire Prevention Codes and
Norfolk Municipal Codes for more information.*

If you have any questions about Open Burning . . .

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Open Burning Guidelines



Norfolk Fire Marshal's Office

FIRE PIT SAFETY

WHAT IS OPEN BURNING?

You are open burning any time you light an outdoor fire without a Chimney or a stack.

WHAT IS NOT PERMITTED UNDER THE FIRE CODE AND NORFOLK CITY ORDINANCE?

Burning of trash, debris, wire or yard waste.



Examples of Illegal Burning

WHAT DO I NEED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE AND KEEP READILY AVAILABLE?



A fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as: dirt, sand or a garden hose. **Always remember, Dial 911 if an emergency situation exists.**

Examples of Legal Fire Pits



BUILT-IN GROUND FIRE PIT



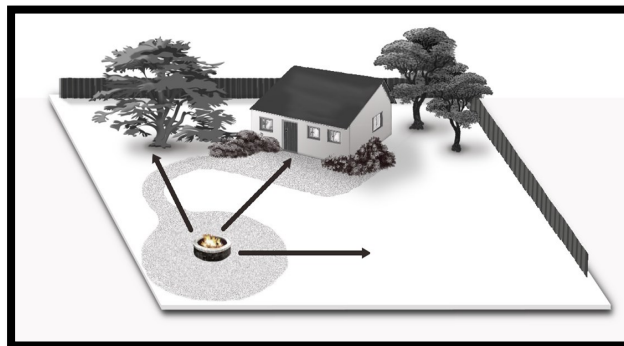
GAS FIRE PIT



FIRE BOWL



FIRE PIT CHIMINEA



Fire pits

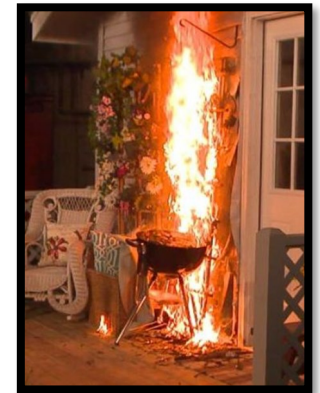
SHALL be at least 25 feet from structures and combustibles and not larger than 3 foot in diameter and 2 feet in height.

Fires larger than 3 feet x 2 feet are considered bonfires and require a permit from the Fire Marshal.

WHY IS OPEN BURNING A PROBLEM?

Depending on what you burn you could be releasing pollutants that cause health concerns, corrode metals, damage paint, and release annoying allergens.

If an open burn fire spreads beyond it's confines, it can damage property and threaten public safety.



PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACE: (has a chimney)

Keep at least 15 feet from structures.

1 and 2 Family dwellings are exempt in the Fire Code. There is no distance restriction for outdoor fire places. (Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper use of this equipment)

WHAT CAN BE BURNED?



Only burn well-seasoned fire wood or similar clean burning wood. *(Not Fresh Cut Wood)*

WHOM DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

When in doubt contact the Norfolk Fire Marshal's Office.